

Destiny's contagious laugh echoed throughout the social worker's car as she kicked the back of the worker's seat. "Look! Look!" she shouted as she pointed out the window. The rambunctious three year old was amazed at the world around her on her drive home, pointing out trees, cars and anything else she could see. She had been staying with a foster family for the past two weeks and today she was going home. As the worker pulled into the driveway her mother met them on the front porch. "MOMMY!" she squealed loudly from the backseat as she anxiously continued to kick the seat. Her mother ran to the car, swinging the door open quickly and scooped her daughter out of the car seat. They embraced with tears of joy.



Two weeks prior social worker Linda Downey had received a frantic call from Destiny's mother. She had hit rock bottom. She ended a five year abusive relationship, lost her job and was homeless. Wanting to provide the best environment for her daughter, she did the strongest thing she could do, ask for help. At her request, her daughter entered temporary foster care. During those two weeks she was able to find a full time job and move into a new home for her and her daughter. She located safe daycare and found a support group. Although temporary foster care was her last option, she knew that her daughter needed a stable home for those two weeks. Fortunately

Destiny was able to meet a loving foster family that took care of and loved her.

Lutheran Family and Children's Services is grateful to provide this service to the community to help out similar families in need. We are currently in need of families to become licensed foster parents. For more information about our temporary foster care program or becoming a foster parent please contact LFCS at 314-787-5100 or www.lfcsmo.org.

